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STORAGE OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of the sugar and foodgrains transferred from sound to damaged account during storage in the godowns of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation during each of the last three years;

(b) the quantum of the foodgrains stock affected due to cyclone and rains in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for proper maintenance of foodgrains stock?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) The position of sugar and foodgrains transferred from sound to damage account during storage in Food Corporation of India (FCI) (including stocks stored with Central Warehousing Coporation(CWC) on FCI account) during last three years is as under :

(Figures in lakh tons)

(Provisional)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Foodgrains	0.648	0.757	1.476
Sugar	0.045	0.037	0.048

(b) The quantum of foodgrains stock affected due to cyclone and rain during the last three years is 0.162 lakh tons.

(c) Adequate steps are taken to preserve foodgrain stocks during storage in FCI both in Covered and CAP complexes, as detailed below:

(i) Periodic maintenance of the godowns to avoid damage through leakages, flooding etc.

(ii) Use of monofilament nets, cover-tops, nylone ropes etc. to protect the LDPE covers used in the CAP storage to cover each stack.

(iii) Periodical turnover of stocks, timely segregation salvaging/reconditioning of affected foodgrain stocks and retrieving food grain stocks thus avoiding further damage/deterioration to the foodgrains.